

Actions from NCC virtual meeting 5 May 2020

Taking part were Dieter Helm (Chair), Paul Leinster, Chris Collins, Ian Bateman, Melanie Austen, Colin Mayer and Kathy Willis.

Maniv Pathak, James Farr, Rebecca McIlhiney, Elias Scheuermann, Jake Harvey, Andy Canning-Trigg and Felix Clarke attended from the Secretariat.

1. Minutes of the April meeting for approval

The Committee reviewed and approved actions from the April meeting.

2. Updates from the Chair and Defra

Dieter provided an update on his meetings with Minister Goldsmith and Luke Pollard MP.

Maniv provided an update on the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak on government priorities including the Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries Bills.

3. Analytical work programme & assessment of 25 Year Environment Plan Progress Report

The Committee discussed the analytical approach to assessing the next 25 YEP Progress Report and agreed to include a section on the importance of natural capital in supporting a green economic recovery.

Actions agreed:

- **Secretariat** to work with **Ian and Paul** to develop a draft outline of the green recovery section and circulate for discussion at the 4 June meeting. (by 29 May)
- **Secretariat** to circulate a revised methodology section and assessment of the freshwater asset. (by 29 May)

4. End of term report and legacy website

The Committee agreed timescales for the end of term report, and plan to enhance online presence.

Actions agreed:

- **Secretariat** to circulate an updated end of term report for discussion at 4 June meeting. (by 29 May)
- **Secretariat** to develop revised website layout plan for discussion at 4 June meeting. (by 29 May)

5. National and corporate natural capital accounts

Colin provided a progress update on the corporate accounts event. The Committee agreed to hold the event virtually.

Action agreed: Secretariat to circulate revised plan for the Corporate Natural Capital Accounts event. (by 29 May)

6. Green Book

The Committee discussed next steps for Green Book advice.

Action agreed: Ian to work with the Secretariat to assess the extent to which the Green Book could contribute to the delivery of a green economic recovery. (by 29 May)

7. Natural Capital Conference

The Committee discussed the Natural Capital Conference and agreed to host a virtual conference in November 2020.

Action agreed: Secretariat to produce virtual conference plan, agenda and dates for discussion at 4 June meeting. (by 29 May)

8. A.O.B

Kathy provided an updated on her meeting with the Defra Chief Scientific Advisor, Gideon Henderson.

Action agreed: Secretariat to circulate the meeting readout. (by 5 May)

The Secretariat provided an update on engagement with the National Infrastructure Commission.